

# WEEKLY ROUND-UP

Autumn Term

Issue 5

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## A note from the Headteacher

We kicked off this week with our Black History Month assembly on Monday where we spoke about the theme this year, 'Saluting our Sisters'. It gave a great opportunity to talk about what it might mean to be black and British, and share some examples of well-known authors like Malorie Blackman, and entertainers like Alesha Dixon and how their families and ancestors had been from outside of Britain but identified as British. I was really proud of how well some of our older pupils in assembly could understand the reasons why we mark such months and why it is important to continue to do so. Over the rest of the week, each of the classes has been following up on our assembly and looking at females as part of celebrating Black History Month, and if you've been following us on X this week, you will have seen some of the great learning about this.

Our Year Four pupils very much enjoyed their Mayan-themed workshop on Wednesday, and the immersive drama activities ensured the children learned a great deal about this period in history, whilst also having some good fun!

I met with the Parent Forum group yesterday for the first time this year, and further information will be shared later in the newsletter next week. Please do ensure that you pass your feedback onto your Parent Forum reps, but if there is individual concerns or queries relating specifically to an individual child, please do seek out the class teacher in the first instance.

Have a great weekend and see you all next week. Don't forget any final Harvest donations!

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## Celebrations & Achievements

	Certificate of Achievement	Certificate of Progress	PAP Stars
Birch (YR)	Ezra	Cameron	-
Hazel (YR)	Jeron	Florence	-
Willow (YR)	Sophia	James	-
Beech (Y1)	Isaac A	Khai C	Nicolas
Elm (Y1)	Idris	Elise	Jack
Lime (Y1)	Aurora	Eli	Julia
Oak (Y2)	Amelia	Hettie	Emily
Plane (Y2)	Ravi	Amirah	Myra
Alder (Y3)	Liam	Zac	Sienna
Cedar (Y3)	Jack	Daisy B	Alice
Ash (Y4)	Dylan	Elise	Aaliyah
Rowan (Y4)	Megan	Isabelle	Shaylan
Maple (Y5)	Alicja	Lissy	Ivan
Sycamore (Y5)	Henley	Darcie	Ellie
Hawthorn (Y6)	Jessie	Sianna	George
Aspen (Y6)	Raisha	Rio	Shannon

Attendance Award
Well done to Oak and Ash class for the highest attendance of 99.3% this week!

House Points		
House	Points this week	Total
Austin	152	909
Disraeli	194	754
Pratchett	95	773
Redgrave	195	963



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## News, Updates & Reminders

### Meet Shannon – one of our Head Pupils

Hi everyone, I was very excited when I received the news that I would be one of the new Head Pupils. It is a great honour to get this opportunity to be able to serve this amazing school.



I have been in Green Ridge since 2017 before this main school was even built. I have a sister Jayden who also attends this school.

A little fun fact about me is that I'm part Hungarian, Nigerian and British and was born in Spain!

As a hobby, I like to knit and bake with my grandma. To add to that, I enjoy doing sports such as athletics and swimming in which I have had the opportunity to represent the school in various competitions. I also love doing eco-friendly and art-based activities. When I grow up, I wish to become a sportswoman and then have my own sport company just like Nike or Adidas.

As Head Girl I would like to encourage ecofriendly activities and make sure everyone understands the topic of equality and diversity. I believe we should all be kind to each other in a friendly environment so we can all thrive.

I look forward to giving my best in representing the school as Head Pupil.

### Green Ridge's Podcast

Please take a listen to our first ever podcast! This week, our four newly elected Head Pupils were interviewed and shared some of their personal interests, in addition to setting themselves personal targets for the year ahead! We love the focus on the environment and trying to be more sustainable.

To listen to our Podcast please follow the [link](#).

### Little Pips Playgroup

We really appreciate the eagerness of many of our Green Ridge parents/carers for our Little Pips playgroup to return. Sadly, due to staffing capacity this term, Little Pips will not recommence until the Spring term.

We look forward to seeing you when we return!

### Data Collection Sheets

Data Collection Sheets were sent home with our Early Years and KS1 children yesterday afternoon. Can we kindly ask that you take the time to check them to ensure that the information that we have on file is correct. Please amend where necessary, even if there are no amendments please sign and return them by **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October**.

Data Collection Sheets will be sent home with our KS2 children soon.

### Pupil Learning Reviews

Our Pupil Learning Reviews will be taking place in a few weeks, just before we break for half term. The schedule for the appointments can be found below and you can book via your Arbor parent portal. Please note that bookings are open until **6:00pm** next **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October** and will be available on a first come, first served basis so book early if you have limited availability.

Nursery - Little Acorns		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Monday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. l'Anson
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-6.00pm	Mrs. Lingeswaran
Wednesday, 18 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30-6.00pm	Miss. Jones

School		
Date available	Time slots available between	Year-groups/classes
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> October	4:00-7.30pm	Reception – Year Six
Thursday, 19 <sup>th</sup> October	4.00-6.30pm	Reception – Year Six

### Reception 2024 Prospective Parent/Carer Open Events

We are holding several open events for prospective parents/carers to come and visit the school and meet Mr. Wanford and our team of staff. The events are as follows:

- Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October at 1.45pm
- Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October at 6.00pm
- Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at 1.45pm

- Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 9.15am

The open events will give you an opportunity to have a tour of the school and Mr. Wanford will give a short presentation about the academy, its vision and ethos, and helpful information to those parents and carers who intend to apply.

Further information and our admissions policy can be found on our website [here](#) and we kindly ask that you complete this [form](#) to book a place at one of the open events.

### PTA AGM

Thank you to all those who came to our AGM last night, we discussed our events for the coming year and new fundraising ideas and other ways we can help our school and continue to build our community. If you were unable to come along we are having a meeting on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October at Esquires after drop off from 9.30am. Please do email us if you have any suggestions or ideas or would like to join the committee to represent your child's class but can't make the meeting.

### PTA Cinema Club

This last week, you would have received a letter with the details of our next Cinema Club on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October for KS2.

Tickets can be purchased through the PTA at [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta). The deadline to purchase the tickets is **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> October** for Reception and KS1.

As with all our events we do need your help to run the Cinema Club, please contact the PTA or sign up to help [here](#).

If you have any problems purchasing a ticket or have any other queries, please contact the [PTA](#).

### PTA Second-Hand Uniform Shop

We have our online Second-Hand Uniform shop at [www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/greenridgepta). Here you can purchase from a wide range of second-hand uniform, everything from jumpers to PE Kit to trousers and skirts.

If you are having a clear-out, please consider donating any unwanted uniform to the PTA. Each week you will see a bright yellow wheelie bin outside the school office for you to leave your donations on Tuesdays and Thursdays Simply drop your donations into donations bin or contact the PTA to arrange collection. Please note we are no longer able to take donations of school shirt, tights, socks shoes or trainers, thank you for your understanding.

Don't forget we also sell school colour hair bands and clips for £1.50; these can also be found on our site.



## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### Managing Online Information– EYFS/KS1

Explain that the internet can be a safe way to find information. We can use child-friendly search engines such as 'Kiddle' and these filter out anything that is not age appropriate.

### Managing Online Information– KS2

Explain to your children the key differences between beliefs, opinions and facts. Unpick how all of these can be found online when conducting research and discuss ways to only find facts!

## Right of the Week Article 38

### Article 2 – No discrimination

Every child has rights. These should not be impacted based on their religion, race, appearance or any other protected characteristic. This is particularly relevant as this week the children all conducted an afternoon activity for Black History Month – celebrating a plethora of inspirational individuals.



## Sustainability Tip of the Week

### Save Our Water!

Encourage your household to wet their toothbrush, turn off the tap, brush, and then only turn the tap on again for rinsing. It's a small habit that can make a big difference in water conservation.



## Safeguarding Tip of the Week

### Safeguarding Checklist for Clubs Outside of School

Even if the club is accredited, you should check that the organisation has:

- a named and contactable welfare officer responsible for the implementation of their safeguarding policy
- procedures for dealing with complaints or concerns regarding poor practice, abuse or neglect
- a code of conduct/behaviour charter
- a parental consent/emergency details form that you must return to the club
  - safe recruitment procedures for those working with young people (inc DBS)
- access to appropriate safeguarding training for its staff/volunteers.



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## Important Dates & Events

### Autumn Term 1

Thursday 12th October	9.15am – Harvest Festival assembly for Y1 parents/carers 6.30pm – Y6 parent/carers meeting to discuss leaver arrangements
Friday 13th October	Y5 workshop 'Make something amazing' (in school) 3.20-5.20pm – KS2 PTA Cinema Night
Monday 16th October	Travelling book fair in school all week
Tuesday 17th October	1.45pm – Prospective YR parent/carers information session for September 2024 entry 4.00-7.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Thursday 19th October	4.00-6.30pm – Pupil Learning Reviews
Friday 20th October	Individual and sibling school photographs Children finish for half-term



# Buckinghamshire Family Learning



## FREE ONLINE SCHOOLS COURSES for PARENTS and CARERS

To book - PHONE 01296 383582 + Course Code

SCAN the QR code or CLICK on the link below then select a course date

### RECEPTION

DEVELOPING EARLY MATHS THROUGH  
STORIES WORKSHOP: FMEM044

SCAN ME



Choose from (9:30am to 11:30am):

- Monday 30 October
- Tuesday 31 October
- Wednesday 1 November

DEVELOP YOUR CHILD'S EARLY MATHS  
SKILLS (5 WEEKS): FMEM049

SCAN ME



Choose from (9:30am-11:30am):

- Monday 6 November
- Tuesday 7 November
- Wednesday 8 November



### YEARS 1 & 2

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH  
HOMEWORK WORKSHOP:  
FMHW028

SCAN ME



- Monday 30 October, 7pm-9pm
- Wednesday 1 November, 9:30am-11:30am

SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS - Shape,  
Data and Measure (5 WEEKS): FMMS047

- Monday 6 November, 7pm-9pm
- Tuesday 7 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 8 November, 9:30am-11:30am

SCAN ME



MATHS THROUGH STORIES  
WORKSHOP: FMMN116

- Tuesday 31 October, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am



SCAN ME



### YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6

MONEY MATTERS - TEACH YOUR  
CHILD THE VALUE OF MONEY  
(5 WEEKS): FMMM100

SCAN ME



- Monday 30 October, 7pm-9pm



Wellbeing

SUPPORT your CHILD 'S  
WELLBEING (5 WEEKS):  
FMWB020

SCAN ME



- Tuesday 31 October, 9:30am-11:30am





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### YEARS 3 & 4

#### HELP YOUR CHILD TACKLE MATHS PROBLEMS WORKSHOP: FMMP007

- Tuesday 31 October, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 1 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm

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#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS - Fractions, Decimals and Percentages (5 WEEKS): FMFD106

- Monday 6 November, 9:30am-11:30am
- Tuesday 7 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Wednesday 8 November, 12:30pm-2:30pm
- Thursday 9 November, 6:30pm-8:30pm

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### YEARS 5 & 6

#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKSHOP: FMMA060

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- Wednesday 1 November, 7pm-9pm
- Thursday 2 November, 9:30am-11:30am

#### SUPPORT YOUR CHILD WITH MATHS - Geometry, Statistics and Measurement (5 WEEKS): FMMS117

- Wednesday 8 November, 7pm-9pm
- Thursday 9 November, 9:30am-11:30am

SCAN ME



## THINKING ABOUT VOLUNTEERING WORKSHOP



Volunteering

Discover the advantages of volunteering, reflect on what skills you have and how they match the skills you need to work as a volunteer

- **Tuesday 5 December, 9:30am-11:30am**  
(FMVW018)

SCAN ME

